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For: METHODS FOR QUENCHING
PATHOGEN INACTIVATORS IN
BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement set forth in the non-final Office Action mailed September 5, 2006 (Paper No. 20060831), for which a response is due October 5, 2006. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

In response to the election requirement, Applicants hereby elect the following:

- For the "electrophilic group" Applicants elect "aziridinium ion";
- For the "nucleophilic group," Applicants elect "glutathione"; and
- For the "nucleic binding ligand," Applicants elect "acridine derivatives."

This election is made without traverse. Claims 1-20 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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